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NASHUA MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ILLEGALLY REENTERING THE COUNTRY AFTER BEING DEPORTED

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and Matthew J. Etre Acting Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in New England reports that 33-year-old Ignacio Sepulveda-Catano pled guilty yesterday in U.S. District Court in Concord to illegally reentering the United States after having been deported.

Sepulveda-Catano is a citizen of Colombia. He was deported from the United States to Colombia on July 28, 2003. On September 16, 2005, however, a Special Agent with the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement found Sepulveda-Catano residing in an apartment on West Hollis Street in Nashua, New Hampshire. The agent arrested Sepulveda-Catano without incident. On September 21, 2005, a federal grand jury indicted Sepulveda-Catano on one count of illegally reentering the United States after having been deported.

After accepting Sepulveda-Catano's guilty plea, the court scheduled a sentencing hearing for April 6, 2006. Sepulveda-Catano is facing a maximum possible sentence of 20 years of imprisonment and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000. The court ordered that Sepulveda-Catano be detained until his sentencing hearing.

This case is being investigated by Immigration and Customs Enforcement Bureau of the Department of Homeland Security. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mark S. Zuckerman.